

Approved: May 12, 2008

Date

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:55 A.M. on April 3, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efir, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Chairman turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

HB 2744—Procedures for state agencies to acquire architectural, engineering and land surveying services for certain projects for state agencies and setting fees for such services

Staff provided an update on the bill.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to recommend HB 2744 favorable for passage. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

HB 2926—Agreements between cities and KDOT for demolition of abandoned homes in flood areas

Staff provided an update on the bill.

Senator Betts moved, with a second by Senator V. Schmidt, to adopt a balloon amendment regarding HB 2926 that was requested by the Kansas Department of Transportation (Attachment 1). Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Goodwin, to recommend HB 2926 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

SB 679—Division of vehicles modernization surcharge

Staff provided an update on the bill. Information from the Kansas Department of Revenue was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 2).

Senator Morris moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to amend SB 679 to remove the sunset and add \$5 to vehicle registration fees in the Division of Vehicles, including heavy trucks, for the first three years. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Wysong moved, with a second by Senator Teichman, to recommend SB 679 favorable for passage as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:30 A.M. on April 3, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Chairman Umbarger opened the public hearing on:

HB 2685--Geriatric medicine, approved postgraduate training program for KU Medical School and doctor of osteopathy loan programs

Staff briefed the committee on the bill.

The Chairman welcomed Representative Kay Wolf who testified in support of **HB 2685** (Attachment 3). Representative Wolf explained that the bill provides for the addition of physicians wishing to practice in the field of Geriatrics to the Medical Student Loan Program established in 1992. She noted that physician access and availability is crucial to the health of all Kansans. Smith County has the oldest population per capita in the United States. The need is great and will continue to increase.

Written testimony was submitted by:

H. Edward Phillips, Vice Chancellor for Administration, University of Kansas (Attachment 4)
Courtney Huhn, MS1, first year medical student, Lansing, Kansas (Attachment 5)

Senators Teichman, V. Schmidt and Kelly addressed underserved areas and defining counties and suggested an interim study on this subject. Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to recommend HB 2685 be placed in an interim study regarding area loan repayment. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for April 23, 2008, the Omnibus Session.

HOUSE BILL No. 2926

By Committee on Taxation

2-21

10 AN ACT relating to cities; concerning the provision of equipment and
11 personnel by the department of transportation ~~and the Kansas national~~
12 ~~guard~~ for demolition of housing damaged by flood waters.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. (a) Any eligible city may request from the department of
16 transportation ~~and the Kansas national guard~~ such equipment and per-
17 sonnel as may be necessary to ~~demolish~~ **remove, haul or transport any**
18 **debris from demolished** residential structures located within the
19 boundaries of such city ~~that have been damaged by flood waters. Upon~~
20 receipt of such request by the department of transportation, the depart-
21 ment shall provide the requested equipment and personnel as the sec-
22 retary of transportation deems appropriate and at such time as the equip-
23 ment and personnel become available according to the work schedule of
24 the department. ~~Upon receipt of such request by the Kansas national~~
25 ~~guard, the Kansas national guard may provide the requested equipment~~
26 ~~and personnel as it deems appropriate and at such time as the equipment~~
27 ~~and personnel become available.~~ The equipment and personnel shall be
28 provided at no cost to the city making such request.

29 (b) An eligible city shall only request the demolition of those resi-
30 dential structures which have been deemed unsafe, dangerous or aban-
31 doned by the city and which may be razed by the city pursuant to K.S.A.
32 12-1750 et seq., and amendments thereto.

33 (c) For the purposes of this section "eligible city" means any city
34 located, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of any county desig-
35 nated by the United States federal emergency management agency under
36 major disaster declaration FEMA-1711-DR as eligible to receive individ-
37 ual or public assistance from the United States federal government.

38 (d) The provisions of this act shall expire on and after July 1, 2013.

39 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
40 publication in the Kansas register.

, but outside any existing 100-year flood-plain as
identified by the United States federal emergency
management agency,

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SB 679 currently applies a \$4 surcharge on the registrations of 2,559,000 cars, trucks, trailers and motorcycles, but DOES NOT INCLUDE the 46,100 trailers and power units that are under K.S.A. 8,1,100-123 (IRP motor carriers).

If you applied the surcharge, or simply increased the registration fees this chart shows the amount of money generated.

Potential Fee Increases beginning January, 2009					
		One Year at \$4	One Year at \$5	Four years at \$4	Four Years at \$5
Cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers	2,559,000	\$10,236,000	\$12,795,000	\$40,944,000	\$51,180,000
Motor carriers - trucks, trailers under IRP	46,100	\$184,400	\$230,500	\$737,600	\$922,000
Total generated	2,605,100	\$10,420,400	\$13,025,500	\$41,681,600	\$52,102,000
Needed for VIPS				\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
Available for Highway Use				\$1,681,600	\$12,102,000

KDOR's needs are as follows:

1. A dedicated fund to secure the purchase of the computer system, etc.
2. Funds to accomplish this schedule:
 - \$4,320,984 in FY9
 - \$14,230,937 in FY 10
 - \$8,887,719 in FY 11
 - \$11,869,471 in FY12
 - \$ 846,855 in FY 13

These are the projected numbers in the feasibility study. The actual expenditures may change when we get the bids from the contractors.

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To: Chairman Umbarger
Members of Senate Ways and Means

Re: Testimony HB 2685 – An Act Concerning Geriatric Medicine

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity of providing testimony in strong support of HB 2685. HB 2685 provides for the addition of physicians wishing to practice in the field of Geriatrics to the Medical Student Loan Program established in 1992.

This legislation provides financial assistance to students enrolled in the University of Kansas School of Medicine leading to a degree as a doctor of medicine. Qualified fields of study are internal medicine, pediatrics, family medicine, family practice, obstetrics, gynecology and emergency medicine. Students participating in this program receive tuition and a stipend of up to \$2,000/mos. They must agree to fulfill a service obligation to practice in a service commitment area. These are communities within any Kansas county other than Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, or Wyandotte; any state medical care facility; a medical center operated by the Veterans Administration or as a full time member of the KU School of Medicine.

This is not a new program. This is only an expansion to the existing one. It currently has funding for 120 loans of which 80 students are already in the program and an anticipated 30 new awards with 10 retroactive awards. The House approved FY2009 funding of 5.5m including 2.8m from the state general fund.

We are an aging population of baby boomers. Physician access and availability is crucial to the health of all Kansans. Smith County has the oldest population per capita in the United States. Currently we have only four practicing Kansas Geriatricians. The need is great and it will only continue to increase.

We are all aware of the shortage of physicians in Kansas. Testimony was heard in House Appropriations regarding this issue from the KU School of Medicine, WGME, KS Medical Society and the KS Hospital Association. I urge your support HB of 2685.

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March 13, 2008

The Honorable Bob Bethell
Chairman, House Social Services Budget Committee
Statehouse, Room 161-W
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Bethell:

I have been asked to provide you with information concerning the Kansas Medical Student Loan Program and HB2685.

The Kansas Medical Student Loan program has 120 annual loans available to students at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. This loan is sufficient to cover tuition and fees along with a monthly stipend of \$2,000. These loans are renewable each year the student is in medical school. After completing medical school, these loans must be repaid either in cash, at 15% interest, or through service in a qualifying primary care specialty in underserved areas in Kansas. The service obligation requires a year of service for each loan year following the completion of these postgraduate specialty training.

This academic year, with the flexibility provided by the changes authorized in the last legislative session, we have been able to utilize all 120 available loans. While one student recently dropped out of the program, we expect to re-award this loan in the near future. This is the first time in more than five years that the program as been fully subscribed.

The provisions in HB2685 allow additional time for training with no penalty to individuals pursuing a fellowship in geriatric medicine.

This change will have no impact on program cost since participants in fellowship training are no longer medical students.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Phillips".

H. Edward Phillips
Vice Chancellor for Administration

HEP:dab

Re. House Bill 2685

Senate Ways and Means Committee,

I am Courtney Huhn, a first year medical student from Lansing, Kansas and the individual who contacted my local representative about the initiation of bill 2685. I am sorry that I am unable to be with you for your hearing on this bill but I appreciate the opportunity to share some information about why I pursued the creation of this bill. I am a Kansas Medical Student Loan (KMSL) recipient who is interested in completing a residency in family medicine and a fellowship in geriatrics. I have a long standing interest in serving the geriatric population and I am interested in the geriatric fellowship because the geriatric population has unique and special needs that geriatricians are trained to care for. Currently the state of Kansas has one geriatric fellowship that has the capacity to graduate two geriatricians annually however, these spots are not being filled and the program isn't able to graduate to capacity.

This bill came about because at the first meeting of the Geriatric Interest Group this academic year I asked Dr. Mary McDonald if an interested KMSL recipient could complete a geriatric fellowship prior to paying back the KMSL with years of service as a physician to the state of Kansas since geriatrics is a primary care field. I was told that with the current policy a KMSL recipient who is interested in completing a geriatric fellowship has two options. The first option is to complete their three year family medicine residency and then serve four years as a physician prior to receiving the specialized training of a geriatric fellowship and then come back to complete that fellowship. The second option is to pay the KMSL back in monetary form with the interest for one year while completing your geriatric fellowship (which is very difficult on a fellow's salary) then to pay back the remaining three years of the KMSL with service as a physician. After hearing this, I decided to see what could be done as geriatrics is considered a primary care field of medicine and a field I am very interested in pursuing.

Currently the geriatric population nationwide is underserved and this is also the trend in Kansas. There are a few geriatricians in Kansas however they are all in the urban areas of the state leaving the rural parts of Kansas very underserved. If this bill goes through then the two positions that currently having funding could be filled because the KMSL recipients would be more likely to apply and since KMSL recipients must repay their loan with service in rural parts of Kansas, there would be more geriatricians in these areas which would lead to better care for the geriatric population.

Of the currently accepted residency programs for the KMSL there are already some that require four years to complete (such as emergency medicine), therefore to complete a three year family medicine residency and then a geriatric fellowship would take the same amount of time prior to repayment through years of service.

I would love to answer any other questions you may have about why I pursued this bill or about the field of geriatrics itself. If I am unable to answer them I could find the answers from some of my mentors who are already in the field. Feel free to contact me via e-mail (chuhn@kumc.edu) or phone (913) 306-4383.

Thank you for considering this bill,

Courtney Huhn, MS1

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